GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:473
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2001
LACUNAE IN AIIMS ACT
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether thee Supreme Court of India in its recent judgement have opined that the degrees/diploma conferred by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences would not fall under the category of `a university established by law`;

(b) whether the Government have examined the implications arising out of the apex court`s judgement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d): The Supreme Court of India in its recent judgement dated 29th August, 2001 has held, that the AIIMS would not fall under the category of `a university established by law` for purposes of Section 3 (d) of the Dentists Act 1948, which enables the University to send its nominee to the Dental Council of India.However, according to sections 23 and 24 of the AIIMS Act, 1956, the Institute grants its own Medical degrees and other academic distinctions. The Medical degrees and diplomas granted by the institute under the AIIMS Act are recognized as Medical qualifications for the purpose of Indian Medical Council Act and are deemed to be included in the first schedule to that Act.